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	426. Karnataka Ball Bearings Ltd.	5.12
427.	Vimta Labs. Ltd.	5.07
428.	Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.	5.05
429.	National Aluminium Co. Ltd.	5.04
430.	DCL Polyesters Ltd.	5.03
431.	JCT Electronics Ltd.	5.02
432.	BOC India Ltd.	5.01
433.	Jaipur Syntex Ltd.	5.01
434.	S.T.I. Granite (Ind) Ltd.	5.00

Higher interest rates of Banks

2752. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the nationalized banks are charging higher interest rates, thereby going contrary to the RBI guidelines;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government will take to rectify it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the lending rates of banks have been deregulated since October 1994. Banks are free to announce the Prime Lending Rate (PLR) as decided by their Boards. Currently, on loans above Rs. 2 lakh, banks are free to charge lending rates on fixed/ floating rate loans and offer tenor-linked PLRs. Banks are also allowed to charge sub-PLR rates or with spread on their PLR for credit limit of above Rs. 2 lakh depending on their risk perception/creditworthiness of the borrowers. However, PLR is the ceiling rate for loans upto Rs. 2 lakh.